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**ERA Branch Projects in Support of Guided Missile Intelligence,
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1. The FY 59 research program being proposed by the Guided Missiles Branch is designed to place maximum research effort, on a broad front, on the most critical economic intelligence gaps in the guided missiles field. There are several critical gaps in economic intelligence on the Soviet guided missile program, however, which relate directly to specific Soviet industries or economic activities, such as electronics, high energy propellants, rail transport, high heat resistant materials, and construction. These gaps can best be attacked through research in the ERA branches which have primary responsibility for the particular Soviet industries or activities cited.

2. Accordingly, it is recommended that, in addition to I/GM's research, the FY 59 ERA research program include supporting branch projects related to guided missile intelligence as outlined in the attachment. These projects have been discussed informally with representatives of the branches involved and are judged by them to be feasible within current or planned branch resources. Each of the projects relates directly to research which will be undertaken by I/GM during FY 59, and each in turn will become an input to broader I/GM research and collection guidance studies, as well as the full-scale FY 59 guided missile R&D.

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List of ERA Branch Projects Related to Guided Missiles FY 1959

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